

IN SENATE AND HOUSE

Both Branches of Congress Hear Speeches on Philippine Question.

TO ANNEX OR NOT TO ANNEX AND WHY

Senatorial Junket to Porto Rico and Cuba is Favored.

WILL REPORT ON EXISTING CONDITIONS

House Agrees On and Passes Agricultural Appropriation Bill.

ANTI-ANNEXATION TALK BY WILLIAMS

Mississippi Representative Occupies an Hour in a Forceful Speech Opposing Annexation of Philippine Islands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—To annex or not to annex was the leading question debated in both branches of congress today.

Congress decided today to adjourn from December 21 to January 4.

Proctor's resolution in the senate for a committee of senators to visit Cuba and Porto Rico was favorably reported.

Mr. Gallinger favorably reported Mr. Proctor's resolution providing for a committee of senators to visit Cuba and Porto Rico with a view to ascertaining the conditions on the islands and reporting them, with recommendations, to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Hoar it was ordered that on February 22, immediately after the senate convenes, Washington's farewell address be read by Mr. Wolcott of Colorado.

A bill authorizing General A. E. Bates of the United States army to accept the decoration of the Legion of Honor conferred upon him by the president of the French republic was passed.

A bill to extend the time for the construction of a bridge across the Columbia river between the states of Oregon and Washington by the Oregon and Washington Bridge company was passed.

Mr. Teller, in the course of his remarks said that the purchase of territory from Mexico, after the Mexican war, was parallel with the present purchase from Spain.

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CHANGES IN THE ARMY STAFFS

Reorganization Suggestions Before House Military Committee.

WILL BE MAJORITY AND MINORITY REPORTS

Substitute for Hull Bill Will Be Proposed Limiting Standing Army to that Existing Before Late War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The house committee on military affairs completed consideration of the army reorganization bill today and ordered it reported to the house.

The most important changes made today were those fixing fifty years as the age limit for appointment to the several staff corps and adding a new provision for one hundred army divisions with the rank of first lieutenant.

Many advances in rank were reduced from ten to eight and the places of lower rank increased.

In the commissary department the force is increased materially from that first contemplated, particularly in the lower grades, the captain being increased from twenty-seven to thirty.

Increase in Engineer's Department.

There is an increase in the engineer's department, the lieutenant colonels being increased from eighteen to twenty and captains reduced from fifty-seven to forty-one.

In the ordnance department the changes are toward the increase in officers of higher rank. The provision allowing \$25 extra pay for service in outlying islands was made to include Alaska.

The age limit of fifty, which had been fixed for appointments to the judge advocate, quartermasters, commissary and pay departments was amended so that the age limit will not apply to those who served in the civil war or the Spanish war, or to officers now in the regular army.

A new section was inserted, making the chief of the record and pension office a brigadier general with an assistant, having the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Section eighteen of the Hull bill was struck out entirely. It limited the age of appointments as second lieutenants under the provisions of the several acts and also placed an age limit of forty years on chaplains.

In the pay corps forty-seven majors were substituted for thirteen majors and thirty-four captains as provided in the Hull bill.

The civil appointments were opened to those from civil life, as well as those from volunteers. The number of chaplains was increased from thirty to forty.

A provision was made that assistant surgeons shall pass a satisfactory examination instead of a competitive examination as at present.

Vote on Reporting Bill.

The final vote on reporting the bill was eight to five on party lines, as follows: Yes—Hull, Marsh, Griffin, Keitchum, Fenlon, Bellamy, McDonald and Brownlow, republicans.

Nays—Walker, Cox, Latta, Hay and Jett, democrats.

Mr. Marsh, while voting for the bill, reserved the right to oppose some of its features on the floor. The minority gave notice of a minority report and a substitute bill.

Five days were given for the preparation of the majority and minority reports. Chairman Hull making that for the majority and Mr. Hay drawing the sub-bill and report for the democrats.

The main feature of the sub-bill will be a standing army limited to that existing before the recent war and authority to the president to enlarge a large temporary force, probably 50,000 men, for service in outlying territory.

GUARDING KEELY'S SECRET

Stockholders of Motor Company Meet to Take Action on Deceased Inventor's Idea.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—The first meeting of the stockholders of the Keely Motor company, since the death of John W. Keely, the inventor, was held in this city today.

Charles S. Hill, attorney for the inventor's widow, stated that Keely's secret does not exist in his death, but that Keely had made a request before his death that T. B. Kincaid of Boston was the one man who could successfully carry out his idea.

A long and spirited discussion ensued as to what course should be pursued. It was finally agreed to leave the entire matter in the hands of the board of directors.

After Mr. Hill had made his statement he announced that he had a secret which he would impart to one man. This communication, he said, was of a nature to encourage the stockholders and to induce them to leave everything in Kincaid's hands for one year.

John J. Smith, one of the directors of the company, was appointed to confer with the lawyer.

IN JAIL FOR A PRINCIPLE

New Yorker Purged of Contempt of Court After Twenty-Two Months' Imprisonment.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 20.—Thomas Tinsley, a New York millionaire, who has been in jail here for twenty-two months for contempt of court, today partially purged himself and will tomorrow be permitted to go free.

Tinsley, as president of the Glenwood Cemetery company, refused to turn over the books to a receiver appointed by the court after his commitment to jail.

He appealed to the state court of appeals, state supreme court, federal court and finally to the United States supreme court, all of which upheld the district judge.

VALPARAISO, Chile, Dec. 20.—The cabinet crisis ended today and the ministry has been reorganized under Senor Martinez in part as follows:

Premier and minister of the interior, Senor Carlos Walker Martinez.

Minister of foreign affairs, Senor Ventura Blanco Veil.

Minister of finance, Senor Rafael Sotomayor.

Minister of war, General Suber Cassaux.

UTILIZES PROF. ANDREWS' IDEA

Balloon Successfully Steered Across the English Channel.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Yesterday (Tuesday) a balloon which ascended at the Crystal Palace, Epsom, London, crossed the English channel to Fecamp, France, about twenty-seven miles northeast of Havre.

The Daily Chronicle, which had a man on board, claims to have successfully used Prof. Andrews' idea of steering a balloon.

Don Carlos' Health is Poor.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says: Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, returned to Venice last week. His overwork has greatly aggravated his respiratory affection and he is obliged to keep to his bed. A final meeting of the Carlist chiefs is about to be held in Vienna.

VALUABLE DOCUMENT FOUND

Discovery of Galileo's Treatise on the Tides Written in His Own Hand in 1616.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Dec. 20.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Daily Mail has received from the Vatican a valuable discovery which has recently been made in the Vatican library.

While examining state documents of the sixteenth century, Abbe Cozza Luzzi, assistant librarian, found the original manuscript of the treatise by Galileo on the tides.

The manuscript is all in Galileo's own handwriting and ends with the words written in Rome in the Medici gardens on the 8th of January, 1616. Leo XIII has taken the greatest interest in the discovery and has ordered the manuscript published in an elegant edition at the expense of the Vatican.

Besides this, other important documents throwing a good deal of light on the question of Spanish domination in America, especially in Cuba, have been found in the Vatican archives.

Many of these documents were originally intended to present these documents to the queen regent of Spain, but was dissuaded from doing so by Cardinal La Pezolaturo, who remarked it would be a pity to deprive the Vatican library of such a treasure.

These political documents will shortly be published by the Holy See. They will present a richly bound copy to the queen regent of Spain and one to the president of the United States, although this latter act of courtesy is not viewed with favor by a group of prelates of the pontifical court, who are doing all in their power to prevent it.

DESIRE TO AVERT A CONFLICT.

Law in Preparation for Regulation of American Meat Importation.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The North German Gazette today, referring to Senator Mason's bill introduced in the United States senate yesterday, directing the committee on agriculture to inquire into certain legislation pending before the Reichstag, calculated to prohibit the importation into Germany of American sausages and other meat products, and directing the committee immediately to introduce a law to report a bill to require the inspection of sugar, meats, wine and all other food products which are imported into the United States from Germany, and also referring to the agricultural bill introduced in the house of representatives, calls attention to the promise of Count Posadowski-Wehner that an imperial law will be declared providing general regulations for the importation of American meats, which, it is hoped, will avoid the possibility of conflict of claims upon the part of the United States.

The paper adds that a law on this subject is in course of preparation, but has not yet been submitted to the Bundesrat.

ADVANCING JAMAICA'S PROSPERITY.

West Indian Colonies Enter Upon New Year with Bright Prospects.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The London Standard says: Jamaica, which has long been regarded as the West Indian colony which will enter upon the new year with brighter industrial prospects, owing to the successful launching of the West Indian Co-operative union, organized in the line of the California Fruit and Vegetable Growers' association, and the Irish Agricultural organization, which achieved a wonderfully rapid success.

Various banks, which will be established by the union, important results in the direction of obviating the present distressing conditions of the island, are anticipated, and the promoters realizing the fact that only artificial conditions hamper the profitable exploitation of those matchless natural resources which two centuries of devotion to a single industry have obscured.

This, together with the proposed scheme, is regarded as satisfactorily solving the West Indian problem.

LOSSES IN TERRE HAUTE FIRE.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 20.—The losses in last night's fire are: Havens & Geddes, building, \$15,000; stock, \$350,000; Breinig & Miller, furniture, \$15,000; building, \$25,000; Parker & Co., clothing stock, \$20,000; building, \$25,000; W. H. Albrecht, building, \$60,000; building, \$35,000; Thorman & Schloess, clothing stock, \$40,000; building, \$20,000; Ford & Overstreet, clothing, \$25,000; building, \$15,000; United States Banking company, \$19,000.

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Butler, manager of the book department, and Charles G. Geddes store, and Albert Wernebeck, bookkeeper, were burned.

Insurance in all lines cover about 80 per cent of the losses.

PATENT LEATHER WORKS BURN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The plant of the Chrome Patent Leather company at Newark, N. J., was destroyed by fire today. One hundred girls and a number of men were at work in the building when the flames broke out. They had not even time to secure their dresses, and many of them screamed and jostled each other in getting out and the escape became a panic. No one seems to have been seriously hurt. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Malden, Mass., Burned Out.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—A special to the Republic from Malden, Mo., says: A fire, which consumed twenty-five business houses and two residences, occurred here today. The fire originated in the rear of the Sexton Merchandise company's block, which is believed to have been of incendiary origin. Total loss is about \$30,000.

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Major Perry of Willard C. Kinney Post Criticizes Proposition to Care for Confederate Graves.

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Perhaps it is better for me to stay away from Grand Army gatherings for a little time, at least until I recover from the shock of the statements lately made by President McKinley at Atlanta. I love the south and I feel for its preservation. God forbid that any word should come from my lips or pen calculated to revive the sad memories of the past.

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PANIC STRICKEN IN A FIRE

Three People Are Killed in a Vain Attempt to Escape.

The dead: MRS. CHARLES H. RAYMOND, 55 years of age; death resulted from compound fracture of the leg and internal injuries. MRS. VICTORIA UNDERWOOD of Zanesville, O., sister of Mrs. Raymond; jumped from the third-story window. HARRIET PEE, domestic; burned to death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A fierce fire started in the handsome house at 230 West Seventy-third street, occupied by Charles H. Raymond, general agent for the Mutual Life insurance company, at an early hour this morning, which resulted in the death of three persons and the serious injury of several others.

The fire started in the basement and in a few minutes the lower part of the house was enveloped in flames. There was a panic and Mrs. Victoria Underwood, Mrs. Raymond's younger sister, who had come here from Ohio to spend the holidays, jumped from the third-story window and was almost instantly killed.

Rescuer Dashed to Pavement.

William Doerre, a conductor, who among many others, had run to assist in the rescue and who was ascending a ladder to try to help Mrs. Underwood, was struck by her body as she fell and knocked to the pavement below. He struck an iron railing that surrounded the house and was seriously injured.

Mrs. Raymond, who occupied a room on the second floor, was assisted to the window by her husband and stood on the sill, panic-stricken and calling for help. The two firemen went rapidly up, scaling ladders, while people on the street shouted to the Raymonds not to jump. They were so congested and frightened and half-suffocated that they seemed not to know what they were doing.

As the firemen neared the window Mrs. Raymond stumbled and fell. Her night dress caught on a rung of the ladder and her body whirled around as it fell to the street below. She picked up unconscious and taken to Roosevelt hospital, where she died tonight.

Harriet Pee, a domestic who had run up stairs at the first alarm to arouse the persons sleeping in the house, was unable to reach the street again and was burned to death.

Mr. Raymond himself was rescued and was taken to Roosevelt hospital, where it was found he was suffering a great deal from burns on his face and neck.

It is claimed by the authorities that the casualties resulted by reason of panic. The house was supplied with fire escapes and the firemen were early at the scene.

ZANESVILLE, O., Dec. 20.—Mrs. I. N. Underwood, killed at the New York fire to-day, was a highly respected resident of this city, the widow of a veteran newspaper man, well known throughout the state.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska— Partly Cloudy; Southeast Wind.

Yesterday's temperature at Omaha:

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows for 5 a.m., 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m.m.

them ungrudgingly of our love. But let us not do any act or approve any policy from which future generations may infer that the great American republic, in the closing years of the nineteenth century, had become so blind that it could not distinguish between its saviors and its would-be destroyers.

DUNNING REMAINS IN JAIL

San Francisco Judge Punishes Him for Not Making Notorious Names of Paramours.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—When the trial of Mrs. Botkin was resumed today John P. Dunning who had spent the night in jail for refusing to divulge the names of women with whom he had been intimate, was called to the stand. Asked if he was ready to furnish the desired information, he replied that he could only do so when it was shown that some other woman than Mrs. Botkin was connected with the murder of his wife and her sister.

Judge Cook again remanded the witness to the custody of the sheriff.

Mrs. Rose Seely, whose name has been connected with the writing of the anonymous letters, testified that she was in no way connected with their writing.

Writing Expert Ames will be the next chief witness in the trial unless Dunning relents his determination not to give the names desired.

Mrs. Pennington, father of the deceased, testified that he received and read three anonymous letters sent to his daughter, Daniel T. Ames, the writing expert, who was called later in the day, testified that he had examined all the writing in the case and was convinced that the anonymous letters, with the address on the candy box and the note to Mrs. Dunning's little girl were all written by the same person and that Mrs. Botkin was the writer.

BROOM CORN SUPPLY SHORT

As a Result Manufacturers of Brooms Decide to Advance Prices Fifty Per Cent.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Representatives from almost every state in the union were present at a meeting of the Broom Manufacturers' association today and discussed the advisability of advancing the price of broom corn.

It was developed at the meeting that the supply of broom corn which furnished broom material for the United States and export trade was 50 per cent short.

The general opinion among both eastern and western manufacturers seemed to be that a general rise of prices was necessary and although no definite action was taken at today's meeting it is expected that the prices will be advanced at the meeting to be held tomorrow.

THANKS THE FEDERATION

Anti-Imperialists Welcome the Support of the Labor Council to its Cause.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the Anti-Imperialist league held today congratulations were extended through its vice president, Samuel Gompers, to the American Federation of Labor for its resolution to instruct its executive officers to "use all honorable means to secure the defeat of legislation tending toward annexation and imperialism."

It was reported that Senator Hoar has in his hands petitions containing over 5,000 names and that they are coming in daily with increased rapidity from every state in the union and that Congress itself has come into line with other colleges with a large list of names.

STRANDED TERESA BREAKS UP

After Part of Vessel is Completely Submerged and Steamer is Broken in Two.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—According to mail advices from Nassau, N. P., the stranded cruiser Maria Teresa has broken in two just west of the cape, but the forward part is fast on the reef, but the latter part has slid into the upper water, where it lies completely submerged even at low water. The weather has been very boisterous and the wreck is rapidly breaking to pieces under the blows of the tremendous surf that at times swallows it out of sight.

TWO MEN HOLD UP A TRAIN

Attempt to Break in Express Car Falls and Robbery is Abandoned.

GRENADA, Miss., Dec. 20.—Illinois Central southbound train, No. 1, was held up one mile south of Pope's station by two men late tonight. They suddenly appeared on the engine and compelled the engineer to stop, after which they attempted to break in the express car door. They fired several shots, but failed to gain admission. The robbers then fled, obtaining nothing and making no attempt to rob the passengers. No one was hurt.

Refused to Turn Over Trust Funds.

NILES, Mich., Dec. 20.—The Board of Education of Duluth, Minn., has brought suit for \$100,000 damages against Henry Lander, a capitalist of this city. The board, it is alleged, deposited about \$2,000 with the Security Bank of Duluth, which Lander was president, and the bank failed. The board declares Lander Brothers signed a contract to the effect that its funds would be turned over to them upon demand. When the demand was made the bank officials refused to turn the funds over.

Swindler Under Arrest.

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